

SEALED OFF BY A STEAMER COAST GUARD FIRE

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Gathering together their belongings in haste, the occupants fled from the burning ship, which was at its moorings, laden with 900 shells for shipment to Boston.

One of the terrifying incidents of the burning was the 400-yard flight of a ten inch shell clear over the reservation and into a house in Fort Hamilton Parkway. The heavy projectile tore a huge hole in the roof of the dwelling, passed through two floors, and buried itself in the ceiling. The house, which was occupied by a family of six, was in a state of alarm. The family, all of whom escaped injury, was shaken with the violence of an earthquake.

The lighter which was laden with 900 shells for shipment to Boston, was torn from its moorings by the violence of the first explosion and drifted toward the shore. The burning ship was on board but they escaped.

About this time a naval tug reached the scene, and in a desperate effort to prevent the flames from spreading to the wharf the commanding officer deliberately headed his craft for the burning lighter and the exploding cargo. The tug, which was carrying a crew of 150 men, was in imminent peril of its own craft being blown from its moorings.

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